aircraft also poses great hazard. Ministry of Civil Aviation who, *inter-alia*, enforce air safety have stated that there has been no accident as alleged in the article. They have also stated that in case of flight through turburent weather, and during take-off and landing of aircraft, the cabin crew are required to secure all loose items in the cabin.

The article also mentions about hazards posed by Visual Display units. The hazards associated with such units have not been established.

Persons killed by terrorists in Punjab

1764. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state how many persons were killed by terrorists when Barnala Government was in power?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): 816 persons were killed due to terrorist activities in Punjab during the period 1-10-1985 to 11-5-1987.

Hoisting of Khalistan flags in Golden Temple

1765. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether militants hoisted "Khalistan" flags in the Golden Temple, Amritsar and killed a number of people in Punjab on June 3-4-1987, on the third anniversary of "Operation Blue Star"; and

(b) if so, what are the details of these incidents and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) There is no information regarding hoisting of such flags in the Golden Temple, Amritsar, on June 3-4-1987. 8 persons were killed in incidents due to terrorist activities on these two days in Punjab.

Government is concerned about such activities. All out efforts are being made to curb terrorist activities.

Progress on cleaning of Ganga

1766. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has so far been made on cleaning of the Ganga since the project was undertaken indicating the phased schedule and the achievements made, itemwise; and

(b) the expenditure incurred thereon so far and the total esitmated cost of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) (i) Till 31st July, 1987 a total of 259 schemes to be taken up in the three states of U.P., Bihar and West Bengal under the Ganga Action Plan have been identified in consultation with the state government.

(ii) Out of these, 177 number of schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 175 crores have been sanctioned till 31-7-87 and work has started on the execution of most of them.

(iii) 7 schemes at an estimated cost of Rs. 3.23 crores have already been completed in Hardwar-Rishikesh, Ram-